What Women's Patriotic Societies Have Accomplished

Written for the Sunday Journal.

I have been asked frequently to discuss the purpose and value of women's patriotic societies. These organizations are, as it were, only tolerated by men. They seem to think their women folk are out of mischief when attending the meetings of a patriotic society. The newspaper world allows space for the description of their conventions, with a good-natured intention to extract amusement from the proceedings. Almost every reporter or correspondent who is detailed to a convention of women engaged in patriotic work receives orders to "write a funny story." The deliberations may be dignissed and the subject of discusto their tasks, but the funny story is always forthcoming. The public, therefore, receives deformed as the reflection of a comely face in a freak mirror.

the past dozen years they have encouraged almost sunk into a mere book memory. It timely legislation to preserve the flag from | would require considerable space merely to | land, 381,768; Buffalo, 352,387; San Franabuse. They have inculcated patriotism | mention all these projects. None of the in the young. At their suggestion the pub- original States is without some reminders He schools have revived the presentation of object lessions in patriotism.

had encouraged the idea of flying the flag to hoist it at a meeting where much oratory was expended and then to leave the accomplishment of their primary purpose. They continued a campaign of education, This simple custom, homely but dignified in born citizens take part in these ceremonies they imbibe a healthy respect for the hanner which is the emblem of their personal equality, before the law, with any other man in the world.

FLAG DAY AND PATRIOTISM. This practice of daily public reverence to the flag was begun in the public schools, but the example was contagious, and today it is unusual when any school, private, custom has become so general that the people have demanded that one day in the fathers. year be devoted to the special reverence for the star-spangled banner. Flag day is a modern holiday, but its intent and meaning is so firmly fixed in the public mind that the custom will doubtless endure while this imperishable Republic maintains its

This revival of patriotism, illustrated in Flag day, is most largely the result of the work of women's patriotic societies. They tilled the fertile soil of public opinion, and | idle and inattentive too often sneer at the when the harvest was ripe the men gladly assisted in realizing the product of the are generally so pathetic and natural that Another good work to which the women's

patriotic societies have devoted themselves is the Junior Republic. Everybody knows the purpose and the good results of this work. In itself it was essentially a feminine conception. Every mother-indeed, every woman-knows that while the man is a boy his instincts should be developed. Therefore, in the Junior Republic, the youth of the country is given an opportunity to study and practice the virtues which will ly obedience and acquiescence to the rule ped as a very knight of progress. His de-

hood were placed while yet children under | the knowledge of our labors will go abroad. the care of women. They were taught and men and women will understand that politeness, honor and chivalry not by the patriotic women now and then devote their busy men who battled for the right, but by time and strength to other works than the women who worshiped the ideals of struggles for social supremacy, tumultuchivalry and who molded the young minds ous and jealous wrangling or the frivolities to a realization of the grandeur of their of the moment. "By our works ye shall career. So it is with the Junior Republic, know us." The flags over the school-These boys enter practical life with a houses, the junior republic, the ease and foundation which will support the noble | contentment of the last real daughters of superstructure of their manhood. The the revolution, the monuments over hisfoundation of the Junior Republic is the toric spots and in memory of exemplary his enchantment, a white dove replaces direct result of women's patriotic societies. men, all speak for the patriotic women the swan, and Lohengrin departs, leaving Republic would be laurels fit to crown the ablest champion.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Has the "dirt-dauber" a sting ?- F. M. Yes; if the wasp, often called "muddauber," which makes clay nests in barns and garrets, is what you refer to.

Did the United States Senate and House of Representatives have a majority of Demcerats at any time in Cleveland's adminis-

Yes; from the elections of 1892 the House | the fighting with Tripoli, and the promobecame overwhelmingly Democratic, while | tion that came for the Plattsburg affair there was a parrow Democratic margin in | made him captain. A medal of honor,

What are to be the displacement and armament of the new cruisers of the Charleston class?-G. C. B.

Displacement, 9,600 tons; armament, fourteen six-inch, eighteen three-inch and eight one-pounder rapid-fire guns, four onepounder and eight .50 callber automatic guns, two three-inch rapid-fire field guns and two 30 callber machine guns,

In what year was the earthquake at New Madrid? 2. What was the loss of life In 1811 and the two following years, 2. We do not find estimates. The effects were felt over several hundred miles of the Mississippi valley, but most of this territory then was very sparsely settled, so the loss of life and property was comparatively small.

What power has England over Australia? That of a "mother country" over her ceration of six colonies drew up its own sonstitution, subject to approval by the peritish Parliament, and has its executive here. Why, man, it's full of 'em.

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monuments of any society. Herein is practical good accomplished practically. WHAT THE SOCIETY HAS DONE.

A dozen or fifteen years ago when women's patriotic societies began their work, there was no dearth of patriotism in the Nation; but there was a growing evil which threatened to sap public devotion to ideals. A busy people seemed to forget the ancient firesides of their founders. The women saw these gardens of patriotism neglected. With their own money they bought the homes of many of the revolutionary fathers. These and other historic spots have been preserved that future generations may know the simplicity and rugged manliness of our forefathers. It would be somewhat difficult to ascertain the sion lofty, the women themselves devoted amount of money which has already been These, with the small bills of civil war devoted to this good purpose. So little parade has been made of this ideal devoa distorted view of these societies. The tion that few know what great work has paper and vinegar or tar. portraiture to the public is often as grossly | been accomplished. Through the efforts of women many spots sacred to the memory of some great revolutionary deed have been The patriotic organizations of women obtained and preserved. Monuments have have done much for the Nation. During | been erected to commemorate men who had that patriotic women are working to pre-

For example, when the women's societies these societies of women have in the body from public school buildings, it was demed | politic. Three separate examples of their | City, 163,752; St. Paul, 163,085; Rochester, sufficient to present a banner to a school, work have already been given. Any of these would be worthy of devotion. The work of these societies is not, however, flag flying in the wind and storm, a for- | confined to a restricted field. The ladies gotten emblem. The general practice of are always studying how to inculcate pafloating the flag over schoolhouses is of triotism. The society of which I have the such recent origin that all remember the honor to be president general has diligently crusade in its behalf. The women, however, hunted the highways and byways of the revolutionary era. More than a century and a quarter have elapsed since Washingand set the example of reverence for the ton and soldiers achieved independence. national emblem, until now in a majority of | Some of the children of these men still surthe schools the brightest and best children | vive. The D. A. R. has faithfully investiare rewarded by membership in the Guard | gated and has rescued some hundreds of of Honor of the flag. The first business these women from obscurity and often of the day is its reverent elevation and from penury. Most of us are of the fifth the day concludes with a ceremonious re- or sixth generation of the fathers of the treat, during which the flag is lowered and Republic. It brings us back nearer to them placed in security during the hours when to know that there yet live a few who the children are away from the school, actually knew the life and example of the revolutionary heroes. This filial piety on itself, has much influence upon youthful our part is not paraded, but the influence of character. When the children of foreign- | women who are filled with this zeal must result in greater patriotism in their own

serve the patriotic instinct in the race.

The son of a woman belonging to a patriotic society is not likely to be influenced by the sneer that we are a young nation with no traditional ideals. We, as Amerteans, have a glorious past. It makes for the permanence of the future that the patriotic women of the land have banded religious or otherwise, refrains from this real daughters of the revolution we may Gregory retaliated by excommunicating public acknowledgment of loyalty. The reach back to the past and preserve a true and reverent tradition of the virtues of our

SNEERS UNWARRANTED.

The membership of the women's patriotic societies permeates every State and Territory of the Union. They do not devote themselves solely to the contemplation of have devised practical methods of perpetuating the virtues of their ancestors. No attempt has been made in this little talk to recount instances of importance. The simple and homely examples. These tales the frivolous are moved to merriment. To tell how little foreigners, nursing in the milk of freedom, often express their inchoate aspirations would serve no good purpose; but the women who devote their leisure time to this labor know how frequently these instances occur.

One great reason why this work of fostering patriotism is the peculiar province of women is that the busy life of America tolerates no leisure class. The women who are fostered and protected by the many be most decorous during manhood. The sons of Columbia are the only people who youngsters are taught self-restraint, order- have the time and opportunity to cultivate these works. The droneless national acof society. They are also taught that if a | tivity of America deprives the men of opwrong exists each and every citizen of portunity to develop properly the tradithe republic should endeavor to right it | tions of the past. That the busy men of and not endanger the permanence of good this Nation should look with something order by rebellion. In the Junior Republic | more than tolerance upon the work of these bright boys learn that law is wise and patriotic women is the excuse for this little order necessary. The methods of proper | Fourth of July talk. It is to be hoped that amendment of conditions are realized and the editors of the great newspapers will the citizen who graduates from the Junior | realize the importance of our work. How-Republic enters upon his manly life equip- ever, if the demands of their journals require that the proceedings of women's pavotion to law and his patriotism are fully triotic societies should always be treated from the ludicrous side, this is better than In the olden times, aspirants for knight- | silence, as even through this crude method Flag day and the foundation of the Junior | more eloquently than is possible for the

on sea and land. Local government is left very largely to the Federation's Parlia-

Will you print a sketch of the life of Thomas McDonough, who won the naval battle of Plattsburg, on Lake Champlain, to a carpenter. In his early study he was in 1814?-Mrs. V. G. D.

He was born in New Castle county, Deleware, Dec. 23, 1783, and entered the navy as a midshipman in 1800. He served in



Summer Boarder-Your advertisement stated that you didn't have any mosquitos power vested in the British King, whose | Hiram Hayrick-Wal, we didn't hev any power vested in the British King, whose Hiram Hayrick-Wal, we didn't hev any representative is a governor general, who when I put thet there advertisement in ther her pipe with a fresh coal of fire. "These Patient (weakly)—Say, Doc, if you do,

numerous acknowledgments from cities and towns and the gift of an estate from Vermont, were other recognitions of his victory. His last command in the navy was of the Mediterranean squadron. He died at sea, Nov. 16, 1825, on a trading brig sent by the government to bring him home.

Will any substance wholly, or partially, uspend magnetic attraction when placed between magnetic poles of opposite polarity?-M. A.

There are no substances known that absolutely prevent the flow of an electric current, the difference of potential of which is sufficiently great. Substances that are classed as nonconductors are oils, porcelac, ebonite, paraffin, glass and dry air.

What was the origin of the term "shinplaster," as applied to paper money just

after the civil war?-G. L. A. It is said to have been first applied to badly depreciated continental currency after the American revolution, and then to the plentiful issues by private parties in the panic of 1837 of notes for fractional parts of a dollar to be used as money. times, were by the nickname likened to the home-made plaster for bruises of brown

What are the twenty-five largest citles of the United States and their population?

New York, 3,437,202; Chicago, 1,698,575; Philadelphia, 1,293,697; St. Louis, 575,238; Boston, 560,892; Baltimore, 508,957; Clevecisco, 342,782; Cincinnati, 325,902; Pittsburg, 321,616; New Orleans, 287,104; Detroit, 285,-704; Milwaukee, 285,315; Washington, 278,718; Newark, 246,070; Jersey City, 206,433; Louis-It has been asked satirically what value ville, 204,731; Minneapolis, 202,718; Providence, 175,597; Indianapolis, 169,164; Kansas 162,608; Denver, 133,859.

> Was Captain Hall poisoned. 2. What happened to the Polaris and its crew?

No; the cause of his death is put as apoarations were made to abandon her. Many stores had been put on the ice, when her were rescued by a sealer. Meanwhile the leaking Polaris had been beached, and for another winter Buddington and the others | poet-"How like are birds and men." lived in her. Having built two boats, they set out for Upernavik, and were picked up by a Scotch whaler after they had proceeded about 200 miles.

Who and what was Hildebrand? 2. Was his life a failure?-G. Pope Gregory VII, living from about 1020 to May 25, 1085. Made cardinal by Leo IX, he took a commanding position in church and Italian affairs, pushing reforms actively and successfully. In 1073 he succeeded Alexander II, and, continuing his work of reform, sought to free the church from domination by German Emperors. themselves together while yet through the Soon Henry IV declared him deposed, and Henry. The latter soon was humiliated and received papal absolution, but later resumed the contest, laying siege to Rome. he died. 2. No, his pontificate was notably important; he is looked on by Roman Catholic writers as the liberator of ecclesiasthe past grandeur of the Republic. They | tical authority from usurped civil control, and as a restorer of discipline within the

> Will you print a short biographical sketch of Gen. John C. Bates, of Sulu

church to its former efficiency.

treaty fame?-O. C. F. He was born in St. Charles county, Missouri, Aug. 26, 1842, attended Washington University, and entered the army in 1861 as lieutenant of the Eleventh Infantry. From Gettysburg to the end of the war he was on General Meade's staff. Then for thirty years he was stationed in the West, becoming colonel in 1892. He served on the board that devised the present drill and firing regulations, and on the board that adopted the Krag-Jorgensen rifle. In the war with Spain he was, first, brigadier general of volunteers, then major general of that service. In 1899 he was military Governor of Cienfuegos, and in April of that year was ordered to the Philippines. There he was in command of Mindanac and Jolo, and later of southern Luzon. He became brigadier in the regular service last year, and has been proposed as

era, "Lohengrin," especially as to who Elsa is in the opera, and what her dream was?

Early in the opera Elsa is charged with her brother Gottfried's death, and when brought before the King to submit her case to the ordeal of trial by battle, describes a knight she has seen in a vision, and nominates him as her companion. When the arena is made ready, the knight, Lohengrin, approaches in a boat drawn by swans. He wins the contest and marries Elsa, but'in response to her questioning discloses that he is the son of Parzival, knight of the Holy Grail, and since this is known, must go back to his guardianship. He bids Elsa an eternal farewell, and his swans reappear. Elsa's accuser declares that the swan is the lost Gottfried, so Lohengrin releases him from

Elsa to die in Gottfried's arms. Will you sketch the life of George Walton, signer of the Declaration of Independence from Georgia? 2. Did he leave hildren? Was Madame Octavia Walton

Levert a descendant?-W. W. W.

He was born in Frederick county, Virginia, in 1740, and as a boy was apprenticed entirely self-taught, this under much discouragement. At the end of his apprenticesaip he studied law in Georgia with bar in 1774. In that year he was one of four to call a meeting for the consideration of public grievances, and thereafter was a conspicuous promoter of the American cause. He was a delegate to the Continental Congress from 1776 to 1781, and in 1778 was a colonel of militia, was wounded at Savannah and held a prisoner until the next year. Twice he was chief justice of Georgia, twice her Governor, and several times served in her Legislature. He died in Augusta, Feb. 2, 1804. 2. A son, George, who was secretary of state for West Florida in Jackson's administration, and whose daughter was Octavia Walton Le Vert.

New Light on an Old Subject.

Chicago Tribune. Old Mrs. Hubbard, several years after the poem appeared in print describing her fruitless visit to the cupboard in search of a bone for her poor dog, was speaking of the incident to her next-door neighbor. "In the first place," she said, "it wasn't worth making a poem about, and, in the next place, the man didn't get it right. saw the dog was hungry, and I went to the icebox and got a nice piece of raw beef for nim. I don't feed my dog bones. And if I did I wouldn't keep them in the cupboard. The cupboard wasn't bare, either. It was just as well filled as anybody's." "What do you suppose made the fellow say you went to the cupboard?" asked the

i (puff) poets (puff, puff) make me tired."

Domestic Affairs of the Bird World

Temporary Homes of Birds-Rocking Cradles for Feathered Babies-Apartment Houses in the Trees-Bird Customs and

portant is a study of their home-making, bors. since that brings out their intelligence as lain, wood, silk, rosins, guttapercha, shel- by the fact that very few of the race ever with mud and placed singly in a tree,

and a special twig. ted and strong enough to bear several men, and they exhibit all styles of architecture, | things in exactly the same way. from the simple open nest of the song sparrow in the grass to the elaborate over, there is hardly a known type of birds, and adequately, too-according to their needs.

The low hut of some savage races is duplicated by our oven bird and the water ouzel of the West. The underground residence of some of the human family is closely imited by the kingfisher, the puffin and others. The careless "shanty" serving as a home in some hot countries finds fitting counterpart in the rickety platform of the cuckoo and the mourning dove. The castles of the old world are well represented by the secure habitations of woodpeckers and owls. Tenting on the shore, so common during the summer months, is plexy. 2. Some nine months after Hall's copied by sea lovers among the birds, loons death Captain Buddington tried to return who establish their nurseries as near to home, but the Polaris became lodged in ice the water as they can get, and grebes, who with which she drifted southward. She build a flimsy nest among the reeds, where was so badly squeezed in a gale that prep- it is water-soaked always, and the young are hatched in, and not merely on the water. Our fashion of a swinging or rockice-anchor slipped, leaving nineteen men ing cradle or crib for our youngsters is on the ice floe. They drifted 2,000 miles, followed in the oriole's hammock and the subsisting chiefly on sea game, before they hanging nests of virees and others. So might we go on with the comparison until we should be driven to the decision of the

LEARNED FROM THE BIRDS. We plume ourselves upon our improvement over the old way of mother-hatching, and point with pride to our incubators. But) a bird showed us the trick. A whole family of birds have used this mother-saving device for ages, arranging heaps of earth and vegetable matter, sometimes fifteen the sun to hatch. The whole process has been closely watched in the London Zoological Gardens. In the same place had been solved the mystery of the "coming out" back and forth with her bill. of the young mound-builder, without parental assistance. This very progressive infant would seem naturally to belong to for, throwing himself on his back, he digs Gregory excommunicated him for the his own passage, and starts out in life withfourth time and retired to Salerno, where out the aid or interference of the "old

> tem, in which many families live inde- it has been named the cactus wren. pendent lives under one roof, is merely a making musical our barns.

So progressive, indeed, and "up to date" ing out the dirt with his webbed feet.

In our study of life in Teathers we find also corresponding varieties in domestic arrangements, from the hornbill, who walls up his family and feeds and looks after the whole himself, to the European cuckoo | the score of his own." and the American cowbird, who make no pretense of home making, but abandon the

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Will you print a sketch of Wagner's op- Thirty-eight per cent. of the habitual drunkards in England are women. The ashes, so called, from volcanoes are simply lava that is finely pulverized.

Because she refused to wash a baby's face a native nurse at Hong-Kong has been fined \$5 for "disobedience of lawful orders." The superior flavor of cane sugar over that from the beet gives it an advantage in the world's markets of about half a cent a Women teachers in Prussian schools get,

besides free dwelling, only \$175 a year to begin with. This is raised to \$300 after thirty-The Iowa State College at Ames is the

first state agricultural college in the United | ing for fully 800 years. States to build and equip a building specially for practical instruction in horticulture, A celebrated physician declares that the increase in height and weight of Britons and Americans during the last half century is chiefly due to the increased consump-

Arizona exceeds in area the following ten States combined: Rhode Island, Delaware, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maryland, West Virginia and South Carolina.

Dr. Gatling, who invented the gun known by his name, has invented a plow operated by gasoline which will do the work of thirty men and eight horses at an expense of a little more than \$2 a day. It has been discovered that the building

in Richmond, Va., wherein Poe edited the Southern Literary Messenger is still in existence, and it is proposed to place a suitable commemorative tablet on its walls. There is a larger proportion of foreign residents in Fall River than in any other city in the country, 48 per cent. of her pop-Henry Young, and was admitted to the ulation being of alien birth. Montgomery,



WISE PATIENT. better to-day. I guess you can let his wife

I'll have a relapse.

no was an imardly contain ne and sought

In our efforts toward a better acquaint-, whole business of incubating and rearing ance with our feathered neighbor most im- | the young to their far too amiable neigh-

Birds do not feel obliged always to build well as their individuality. Our pity and to a type, they are not hampered by traour interest are aroused in the beginning dition. Not all robin nests are cemented have a home, in our sense of the word. A | though it is true that is a prevailing fashnest is usually nothing more than a cradle | ion in robindom. Robin nests have been for helpless infancy, and when that is out- found made of flowers and other material, grown any tree or bush is a home, any and one robin extravaganza is reported twig a bed. Yet there are indications that , which is quite unique, eleven nests side we shall find-when we know them better- by side, all woven together by one pair of that many of them have local attachments | birds, and the middle one used for the and make habitual use of a particular bush | cradle. The object of this extraordinary feat of building is unknown, but doubt-These temporary homes vary in size from less there was an object, if nothing more that of a walnut to one six feet in diame- | than to prove to a doubting world that birds are not machines, always doing

A flicker, too, of independent thought and open mind has been discovered, who, findthree-room structure of the umbre. More- | ing a haystack that had been sliced square off leaving a plain wall, was quick to see dwelling fashioned by men that has not its | the advantage of labor in excavation, and representatives among the structures of | chiseled out a typical woodpecker nursery, and reared her family therein. It is the custom of our common mockingbird to build an open nest in a tree, but in Arizona, where are fewer people and more egg-loving snakes, the bright-witted bird selects an almost impenetrable cactus and makes a hanging nest, with the further protection of an entrance several inches long, and it is to be hoped that the Arizona snakes do not dine on mockingbirds.

THE RESOURCEFUL ROBIN. As an offset to the openminded, of whom I have spoken, I must tell one incident of a bird who was a slave to family traditions, yet who showed originality and resources in following them. It was a robin who wished to make her nest during a very dry she had set her heart on, and mud she gotin this way-vouched for by an unimpeachable observer. She went repeatedly to a pan of water kept for the use of birds, plumped into the middle of it and proceeded to dash water over her legs. She then flew to the road and thrashed around in the dust till her legs were coated with mud, which she carefully picked off and used in her building.

A great deal has been said of the ingenuity of the tailor bird of the old world in sewing leaves together to hold the nest. That it is ingenious is not denied, but we have a bird of our own who does something quite as remarkable. It is an oriole of California, who swings her hammock from broad leaf of banana or palm, by which feet high and twenty feet in diameter at | cleverness she secures both shade and prothe base. The eggs are buried and left for | tection from many enemies. She actually sews the nest to the under side of the leaf. using thread-like fibers from the edges of leaves for the purpose, and passing them

The giant cactus of the West offers welcome opportunity for a departure from the ways of ancestors, several birds finding its young America instead of to the old world, enormous stalks easy of excavation, and its spine-covered ribs good protection. Woodpeckers seem to lead the way and make the cavities which are afterward appropriated by the tiny owls of that region, and by a Again, our modern apartment house sys- | wren, who is so fond of the situation that

Some of our birds' retreats are apcopy of the custom of many birds, notably proached by a long entrance or hali, a grosbeak of Africa, who makes a huge | laboriously constructed of grass woven toumbrella-shaped roof of basket work, under | gether, as in the case of the meadow lark which several hundred families build indi- and sometimes of bobwhite. Others are vidual nests; and nearer home the swifts | built with a roof. More remarkable than erowding our chimneys, and the swallows | that of our own oven bird is one made by a South American bird of the same name, which is of mud, sometimes eighteen inches are some of the birds, that the so-called in diameter and consisting of two rooms, head of the family takes upon himself all | the inner one for the nursery and the outer the work of home making. The puffin, one for general family use. This provision queer, top-heavy looking fellow that he for comfort is exceeded only by the hamis, is a model of gallantry, insisting on merhead or umbre of the old world, a bird making the excavation-sometimes ten feet | not far from the size of a thrush who long-into the bank, without the least as- makes three rooms, a nursery, a larder and sistance of his mate. He lies on his back, what may be called a reception room, since digging with his enormous beak and throw- it is here the householder receives his

"In these days," says an observing German naturalist, "it is scarcely too much to say that he who refuses to credit the lower animals with intelligence raises anxiety on

OLIVE THORNE MILLER.

American city.

Hallstones nearly three pounds in weight fell during a recent storm at Jessore, in Bengal. Metal veranda roofs were perforated, cattle maimed, trees beaten down and a man killed outright by the downfall. An act to provide for a commission to investigate the nature and value of vaccination, antitoxin, seropathy and other alleged prophylactics will be introduced into the next session of the New York Legisla-

While demolishing an ancient church at Lalinde, near Perigueux, France, some workmen found an egg, apparently in a perfect state of preservation, imbedded in the mortar of a wall that had been stand-

The Porte has issued an edict forbidding all Turkish subjects, under pain of severe punishment, to take lessons in fencing, sword exercise, or in revolver practice outside the army, as these practices form a

danger for the public security. The London Chronicle says that the word "loafer" came from a Spanish word, and that we got it via Mexico, as we did "galoot;" but the Century Dictionary says it comes from the German and originally

meant a person who wandered. Beefsteaks cannot be had for love or money just now by the 5,000 inhabitants of the town of Cluny, in southern France. The local butchers have quarreled with the municipality and that body in revenge has

shut up all the public slaughter houses. Cabbage is an old cure for drunkenness. The Egyptians ate it boiled before their other food if they intended to drink wine after dinner, and some of the remedies sold as a preventive of intoxication on the continent are said to contain cabbage seed.

The total population of the United States on June 1, 1900, as given by the final results of the twelfth census, is 84,233,069. The Chinese, British and Russian empires are the only countries which have a greater number of inhabitants. They also have a greater area. Palestine is a small country, not more

than 150 miles in length from Dan to Beersheeba, and an average breadth of not more than fifty miles. The area of all Syria, including Palestine, is officially calculated at 108,000 square miles, and the population is between 3,000,000 and 3,500,000. Commercial relations between the United States and Spain have been resumed with greater activity than ever before, and apparently with greater cordiality. During the year 1901 our imports from Spain amounted to \$7,040,758 and our exports to that country amounted to \$16,785,711. With a single exception the imports and exports were greater than in any preceding year. Under the law every contestant for a seat in Congress is allowed \$2,000 for expenses, provided the contest is regular, and t is remarkable that in nearly every such case the contestant finds that his expenses foot up just the \$2,000. Congressman Tompkins, of the Twelfth Ohio district, whose seat was contested by John J. Lentz, is a notable exception to the general rule. Mr. Tompkins sent in a bill for \$1,999.06, posttively refusing to charge the government a

My little babe! No cradle song Across my eyes a bar of blood Has burn'd thee from my sight. And yet, they say, the fight goes on! O thou who art his son, Should it go on a thousand years, For us the war is done. -F. V. Lewis in Outlook (London.)

penny more than was right.

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GNAWING THE FENCE PALINGS.

of Googoo, double strength. It was an Omnibus Love that reached out its red-hot Tentacles and twined around all Objects, animate and inanimate, that were associated with little Honey-Bun.

He would have deemed it a Holy Privilege to go around and mow the Grass in her Front Yard.

It was the kind of transfiguring, oldfashioned, romantic-novel Love that made him think well of her Kin-Folks. He knew that any one who was related to the Queen of the Human Race was certainly Right Ala., with 98 per cent. of her population | So he tried to stand Ace with the Old Peotall-browed Sister who was Intellectual. Consequently his Work was mapped out

> Mopsey's Father was what we might call Liberal in Views. That is, he was not utterly set against the High Ball as a Substitute for 5 o'clock Tea. Furthermore, he had stubbed his Toe often enough to know from sad Experience the true Value of two small Pairs when five are sitting in. Had it not been that he took on his daily Package in a Club instead of a Saloon, and carried a goldheaded Cane, a good many people would have said that he Drank. As it was, he simply had the Name of being a High Liver. When he was slightly Overset and carried about 165 in his Gauge he was exceedingly Dignified, in fact a Gentleman of the Old School. He objected to playing Poker with a Stranger, but he loved to skin a Good Friend, so he was no

> Baby's Mother was exactly the Sort that is usually married to an elderly Sport. Having found it impossible to wean him away from the Red Eye and the Saturday Night Game that laps over into Monday



GAVE HIM THE OLD STUFF.

Morning, she tried to catch even by reforming all the rest of the Universe. She was a member of thirty-three Organiza- pay a little more attention to Birdle. You tions that were out to whip-saw the Cigar- don't have to win out the entire Family in ette, down the Cocktail and give a lasting order to book me. You must be an Ama-Ki-Bash to the Blue Chip and the Kitty. | teur." up she sent it to the Missionaries in Kaka- dropped out of the Deal.

"My hand won't be very useful, will it, doctor?" asked the little sufferer, "You'll have four fingers left, Tommy, but will not be able to grasp things firmly with that hand," answered the

As for the other members of the Family they knew that she had enough Piety to supply four ordinary Mortals, so they did not have to go out and accumulate any, The whole Bunch, Father included, expected to get past the Turnstile on Mother's Ticket.

The Sister with the busy Dome was in two or three Philadelphia Library Clubs. She read one Book a Day, even in the hottest Weather. If she had stopped to take Breath, the Publishers would have secured a Lead and she never could have caught up. On Monday it would be Charles Major, on Tuesday it would be Marion Crawford, on Wednesday it would be John Kendrick Bangs, on Thursday it would be Marie Correlli, on Friday it would be Emerson Hough and on Saturday it would be Conan Doyle. Then on Sunday she would hold her Head, and try to mentally digest

the Chop Suey. Loved one had a Brother with big gristly Hands and stocky Shoulders. His Conception of a Glad Summer's Day was to get out and play 72 Holes, followed by several Sets of Tennis, after which it was time to bat up a few Flies and then, in the Gloaming, start in for four or five Hours with the

nimble Ping Pong. The True Lover thought it a smooth Policy to cultivate the Quartette that lived with his Own and Only One. As for Father and Mother and the female Book-Worm and athletic Walter, they were friendly to the prosperous Bachelor and each one determined to put in a few quiet

So Father took the Candidate down to his Club and gave him Old Stuff that was 130 Proof and then tried him out in a nice cut-throat Game. By the time he got away from the Pirates, he was due to show up and attend Morning Service with the prospective Mother-in-Law. He let on that he was keen for a good Sermon and he made an awful Bluff at singing the Hymns that he had not heard for twenty years. On Sunday Afternoon he was due to meet



BIRDIE LURED HIM INTO AN OLD BOAT.

Brother Walt at the Country Club and play him for a Ball a Hole. After a couple of Sundays Walt had enough Haskels to last him a Life-Time.

When he hurried to his Room and rubbed himself with Witch Hazel, he would tear for the House, where the living Book Review would be waiting to ask him if he didn't think Dorothy Vernon was better than Mary MacLane. While he would be doing Foot-Work and side-stepping the Questions that were calculated to show him up as a howling Ignoramus, the Real Thing would be sitting back waiting in vain for an

This went on for quite a Spell. He had been jolted at Poker, trimmed at Golf, put against long Sermons right in Fly-Time, and conned into reading forty-seven Books that did not appeal to him. He seemed to be making grand Headway with all members of the Outfit except the One that he wanted to snare into a Dim Corner and hold in a Strong Embrace forever and ever, After a while he began to weaken on the Scheme of playing up a whole Cast of Characters. He wondered if it would not be just as easy to love a lone Orphan.

She was Wise. She saw herself losing a Good Thing. It was a shame to back-cap her own Tribe, just when they were pulling for her, but she had to do it. One Night she fought off the others and lured him into a Boat and there in the Moonlight she told how she had lived in the same House with them for nineteen Years and how they were all right but they wouldn't do. "It's a mere Suggestion," she added, "but why don't you stop trying to make these

As soon as she had a little Money saved | Thereupon they Clinched and the Family

Around-the-Table Combination Shots and

roo. By attending Services at least twice | Moral-Don't try to marry an entire every Sunday she hoped to establish a Family or it may work out that Way.

thought they didn't take

and his laws from a untu a her father, to whom she attempted to tell the story of the afternoon's occurrence

many (at the pons)-1 want to vote, sir. Judge-All right, mum. How old are you? Lady (flushing up)-What? Judge-How old are you? Lady-Do! have to tell that?